Committee for Sugar Industry Workers

3106. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a tripartite committee to consider the demands of the sugar industry workers;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up; and

(c) the details regarding constitution, number of members working system, existence, area and jurisdiction of the said committee?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) There is no proposal to set up a Tripartite Committee for Sugar Industry workers.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[English]

Welfare of Labourers in Gulf Countries

3107. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether several travel agencies in big cities are engaged in defrauding a large number of persons of their money on the pretext of getting them lucrative jobs in Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the number of cases came to the notice of the Government during the last three years;

(c) the details of agencies against which action has been taken;

(d) whether the Government propose to bring forward any legislation for foreign going labourers to regulate, recruit, and to look after the welfare of these labourers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). During the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 a total of 187 complaints were received against the Recruiting Agents registered with the Ministry of Labour. Complaints against Registered Recruiting Agents are enquired into with the help of Police authorities and the concerned Indian Missions abroad and action is taken, as appropriate, in each case in accordance with the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983 and Rules framed thereunder. Complaints against un-registered recruiting agents are referred to the concerned police authorities for investigation. Complaints against foreign employers are taken up with the Indian Missions abroad. In addition, departmental action is taken against erring agents in terms of suspension and cancellation of licenses. A list of recruiting agents whose Registration Certificates were suspended/cancelled during the last three years is attached in the statement.

(d) No, Sir, the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983 are considered adequate.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

List of Recruiting Agents, registered with the Ministery of Labour under the Emigration Act, 1983 whose Registration Certificates were suspended/Cancelled during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

S.No.	Name of Recruiting Agent
1.	M/s Expo India, Mumbai
2.	M/s R.K. Enterprises, Mumbai
3.	M/s Allwyn Travels, Mumbai
4.	M/s Business Aids, Mumbai
5.	M/s Sultan Travel & Recruiting Agent, Mumbai
6.	M/s S.K. Enterprises, Mumbai
7.	M/s Jasper International, Mumbai
8.	M/s Samreen Travel, Mumbai
9.	M/s Pasha Enterprises, Mumbai
10.	M/s Al-Samit International, Mumbai
11.	M/s Al-Karim Overseas Cons. Trading Co. Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai
12.	M/s Reliance Staffing Services, Mumbai
13.	M/s R.K. Enterprises, Delhi
14.	M/s A.J. International, Delhi
15.	M/s Pride Travels, Moga
16.	M/s Hans Agencies, Jalandhar
17.	M/s Al-Rahman Associates, Delhi
18.	M/s Shambros, Delhi
19.	M/s Allied Enterprises, Cochin
20.	M/s Athena Travels, Cochin
21.	M/s K.V. Exports, Kollam
22.	M/s Palakkal Associates, Cochin

Nationalisation of Dimond Mines

3108. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'CM's about-turn on diamond mining' appearing in 'The Hindustan Times' dated November 13, 1996;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to nationalise the diamond mines with a view to earn maximum foreign exchange; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Government would take a decision in the matter only after receipt of any specific proposal from the State Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Gratuity of Employees of M/s Jessop

3109. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that about 2000 employees of M/s Jessop are yet to get their gratuity since 1992;

(b) whether payment of statutory liability like gratuity can be kept at abeyance till finalisation or otherwise of revival scheme as per payment of gratuity Act;

(c) if not, the action taken by his Ministry to ensure payment of gratuity to workers of Jessop and other Central Public Sector Undertakings; and

(d) the accountability of authorities responsible for implementation of statutory Acts like payment of gratuity Act etc?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes Sir. Due to cash losses from 1990-91 onwards the company has not been able to pay gratuity dues to 2294 retired employees of M/s Jessop and Co. Ltd. from June, 1993.

(b) to (d). Under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, the responsibility for payment of gratuity vests in the employer. An employee can make an application for delayed payment of gratuity to the controlling authority for necessary action. The controlling authority, after necessary enquiry, issues a certificate to the collector for recovery of the gratuity payable to the employee, who is required to collect the same as arrears of land revenue. Non-payment of gratuity is a punishable offence.

However according to the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act (SICA) during the currency of proceedings of a sick company in the BIFR, no prosecution can be launched by the Government against the defaulting units except with the consent of BIFR. M/s Jessop & Company is a sick company registered with BIFR.

[Translation]

Doordarshan Projects in Uttar Pradesh

3110. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Doordarshan projects under construction/completed in Uttar Pradesh till date;

(b) the present position of the said projects;

(c) the number of proposals pending with the Union Government alongwith the details of action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal for the construction of buildings of all the Doordarshan Kendras in the State;

(e) if so, the allocations made in this regard; and

(f) the time by which the construction work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). The details of the Doordarshan projects under implementation/completed in Uttar Pradesh alongwith their present position are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) High Power Trasmitters (HPTs) at Lakhimpur and Jalaun and Very Low Power TV transmitters (VLPTs) at Tokhri and Nandprayag are envisaged to be set up depending upon availability of resources and infrastructural facilities.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

STATEMENT

Location-wise details of TV Projects both Existing as well as under Implementation in Uttar Pradesh (As on 10.12.1996)

Existing	Under Implementation
1	2
Programme Production Centres (PPCs) :	
Lucknow	Mau*
Gorakhpur	Allahabad#
Bareilly	Mathura#
	Varanasi#
HPTs :	**HPTs:**
Agra	Banda (Expected to be
Allahabad	completed in about
Bareilly	3 years time after
Gorakhpur	approval of RCR)
Kanpur	
Lucknow	
Mau	
Mussoorie	
Varanasi	
LPTs :	**LPTs :**
Akbarpur	Almora#